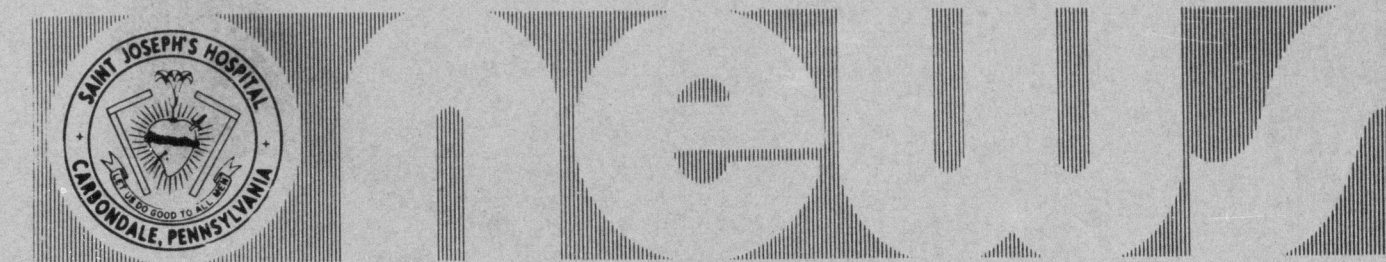


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The lecture in Marian Hall Auditorium on 02-17-1983 was a great success. I got the 1:15 bus from the Port Authority and arrived in Scranton at 3:30 and naturally WSP was there. I had a bad cold and was taking Contac to mask the symptoms. I didn't want to eat supper but HLRP was somewhat insistent about it. Before supper, HLRP helped me staple together the 8-page handout for the evening's lecture. She loves to get involved in such projects and we had a grand time collating and stapling and getting ready for the lecture. We also stapled some of the lists of members of the CHS and the application blank for membership to the CHS--which I wanted to hand out to those who attended the lecture, and which I did. I went to St. Joseph's and could not get into the Auditorium and was a bit frustrated and then went into the hospital and finally Pete Smith showed up. Before going to St. Joseph's I stopped at the Shifler's at 6 P.M. and Kay and Ollie announced that they would not be able to attend the meeting. They would be attending church--every Thursday during Lent. I picked up their slides (about 20 of them) and their projector--one of those dreadful projectors with slide cubes. I hate them, but not as much as DWP hates them. I got a lesson on how to run the projector and picked up the film the Canawler and set off for St. Joseph's. Shortly after Pete Smith and I met in the lobby of St. Joseph's, Tomaine arrived and we three went into the Auditorium and began to set up. JVB arrived. The Salem Avenue entrance to Marian Hall was not open and I think it should have been. There was some confusion as to how to get into the Auditorium. JVB set up the 16-millimeter camera for the film and RJT worked on the slides. Some that he made (D&H logos and the CHS logo). The 8 or 10 Gravity slides that DWP has and the 20 or so from the Shiflers and the 5 or 6 from Tomaine were put into a carousel projector and that was all set up. The film was all set up. I was ready. People began arriving in droves and we had to open up the partition and put up about 90 more chairs. Pete Smith said that they were expecting about 35-50 at the most and there were about 135 people who showed up. It was very exciting. Among the 135 were: HLRP, RTP, AMSP, Charlotte and Joe Moro, JVB's parents, Dr. Edward Speers, John R. Hennemuth, Dr. Touch, John Winters, Dr. Coleman, Sister Cephas Ryan, Malcolm Wheeler. I held forth for about an hour on the history of the Gravity Railroad and was very pleased with my performance even though my throat was very dry from the cold medicine and even though I had to pause for a drink of water every now and then. I loved the experience. A large room full of people and a well prepared lecture in my head and up goes the curtain. The roar of the greasepaint the smell of the crowd. After my "remarks" we showed the slides and there was audible oohing and aahing in the house. Dr. Speers and I had a private conversation "in public" about the Gravity and that was very amusing and pleasant. We showed the film ("The Canawler") and it too was a great hit, as was the entire evening. At the conclusion of the evening, I thanked Sister Cepas Ryan for allowing us to meet in the Marian Hall Auditorium and thanked Pete Smith for making the arrangement and announced the upcoming activities of the CHS and stated that we were doing it all because we, the CHS, are very devoted to the city of Carbondale--past, present and future--and that is why we are doing it.

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